

weakening opening means in the closed end of the outer bag and without exposing the first end of the inner preformed bag at the reopened end of the outer bag.

26. (New) The method defined in Claim 25, in which the bag-weakening opening means includes a row of bag-weakening perforations in the second end of the inner bag for manual opening of the inner bag by a consumer after reopening of the open end of the outer bag.

27. (New) The method defined in Claim 25, in which the bag-weakening opening means includes a horizontal row of bag-weakening perforations in the second end of the inner bag for manual opening of the inner bag by a consumer after reopening of the open end of the outer bag.

AI 28. (New) The method defined in Claim 25, in which the bag-weakening opening means includes a bag-weakening score in the second end of the inner bag for manual opening of the inner bag by a consumer after reopening of the open end of the outer bag.

29. (New) The method defined in Claim 25, in which the bag-weakening opening means includes a horizontal bag-weakening score in the second end of the inner bag for manual opening of the inner bag by a consumer after reopening of the open end of the outer bag.

30. (New) The method defined in Claim 25, including performing the method automatically, including feeding the loaf through an open first end of an inner preformed bag having a closed second end opposite the first end by a first automatic bagging machine, and inserting the heat shrunk inner bag and enclosed loaf through an open end of a preformed outer bag by a second automatic bagging machine, such inserting by the second bagging machine being performed by moving the heat shrunk inner bag and enclosed loaf endwise, second end last, through the open end of the preformed outer bag.

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31. (New) The method defined in Claim 30, including automatically transferring the loaf enclosed in the inner bag from the first automatic bagging machine to the second automatic bagging machine and orienting the loaf for presentation to the second automatic bagging machine for insertion endwise, second end last, into the outer bag at the second automatic bagging machine.

Al 32. (New) A packaged product comprising a loaf of bread snugly enclosed in an inner heat shrunk bag having a preformed closed end and a gathered, previously open end opposite the preformed closed end, such heat shrunk inner bag and enclosed loaf being contained within a separate outer bag having a closed first end and an openable second end, the preformed closed end of the heat shrunk inner bag being adjacent to the openable end of the outer bag and such closed end of the heat shrunk inner bag having bag-weakening means for manual opening of the inner bag by a consumer, the second end of the outer bag being configured for opening by a consumer but the closed first end of the outer bag not being configured for opening by a consumer, and the inner bag being disposed within the outer bag with the preformed closed end of the inner bag adjacent to the openable second end of the outer bag and the gathered end of the inner bag remote from the openable second end of the outer bag.

33. (New) The packaged product defined in Claim 32, in which the preformed closed end of the inner bag is gusseted.

34. (New) The packaged product defined in Claim 32, in which the preformed closed end of the inner bag has perforations for opening of the inner bag.

35. (New) The packaged product defined in Claim 32, in which the closed end of the inner bag has a bag-weakening score for manual opening of the inner bag.

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